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**APPLICATION OF**

**VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**

**CASE NO. PUE-2002-00375**

**For a general increase in rates**

**HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

**November 14, 2002**

By motion filed November 14, 2002, counsel for the City of Hopewell has requested that the hearing on this matter, currently scheduled for December 11, 2002, be continued until December 20, 2002. In support, counsel states that he has been asked to present a report on higher education in Virginia at an international conference, and will be out of the country. Counsel further states that counsel for Virginia-American and the Virginia Committee for Fair Water Rates do not object to such continuance.

Good cause having been shown, I find the Motion for Continuance should be granted. Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED:**

(1) That the December 11, 2002, hearing shall be retained on the Commission's docket for the sole purpose of receiving testimony from public witnesses; and

(2) That the evidentiary hearing is continued until 10:00 a.m. on December 20, 2002, in a Commission courtroom.

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Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.  
Hearing Examiner